

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 538

By Finney R.

A RESOLUTION to recognize Jonathan Clayton Tipton on becoming an Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Boy Scout can attain is that of Eagle Scout and Jonathan Clayton Tipton, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, the son of Myron and Karen Tipton, Clay is a student at Heritage High School, where he is enrolled in honors classes and participates in the marching band and wind ensemble as a trumpet player; and

WHEREAS, his notable record of achievement as a member of Boy Scout Troop 81 includes twenty-seven Merit Badges and distinguished service as the Librarian, Quartermaster, Bugler, Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, prior to his membership in Troop 81, he was a member of Pack 86 at Logan's Chapel, where he earned the Arrow of Light; and

WHEREAS, Clay Tipton was inducted into the fraternal Order of the Arrow in 2004 and attended the National Scout Jamboree in Virginia in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Clay's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community and reflected the true spirit of Volunteerism as he planned and supervised the refinishing of eighteen lab tables in Mr. Cottrell's Biology Room at Heritage High School in addition to completing his Eagle Quest, a Troop 81 tradition, in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; and

WHEREAS, he evinces his devout religious faith as an active member of First United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should pause to recognize Clay Tipton as one of the most outstanding young people in our state; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Jonathan Clayton Tipton on becoming an Eagle Scout, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final resolving clause omitted from such copy.